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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JAN 31- FEB 2

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

--COMMENTARY ON THE U.S. STRESSES SOVIET DESIRE FOR A SALT AGREEMENT, AND IMPLIES THAT WESTERN OPPONENTS OF DETENTE, PARTICULARLY IN THE U.S., ARE HAVING TO FALL BACK BEFORE MASSIVE EVIDENCE OF POPULAR SUPPORT FOR DETENTE (SEPTEL); CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICY ON ANGOLA AND MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES TO BE HARSH;

--OTHER COVERAGE ON THE U.S. INCLUDES A FURTHER INSTALLMENT IN A FORMER RADIO FREE EUROPE EMPLOYEE'S EXPOSE OF THE MUNICH RADIOS, WITH POINTERS ON HOW THE RADIOS USE UNSUSPECTING COMMUNIST STATE CITIZENS TO GATHER "SPY INFORMATION"; AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA EXPLAINS TO ITS READERS HOW U.S. ARMY TRAINING CREATES IN ITS SOLDIERS "THE NEED TO KILL" AND OTHER LESS THAN VIRTUOUS ATTRIBUTES;

--MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV TO AAPSO CONFERENCE AND TOUGH LINE IN PRAVDA WEEKEND REVIEW REVEAL NO CHANGE IN SOVIET ANGOLA POLICY (SEPTEL);

--ON MBFR, PRAVDA IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY DECRIES WESTERN PESSIMISM, SAYING THAT ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE OF NO DECREASE IN SECURITY WILL ASSURE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION; AND SAME PAPER PARAPHRASES PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA BY POLISH DELEGATION HEAD;

--COVERAGE OF SAHARA DISPUTE REFLECTS MOSCOW TILT TOWARD ALGIERS AND LINKS U.S. WITH MOROCCO FOR FIRST TIME (SEPTEL);

--ON THE FRG/WEST BERLIN, PRAVDA DESCRIBES RECENT TRIAL OF RAINER SCHUBERT, AND CONTENDS THE GDR PRESS IS CALLING ON THE FRG TO CRACK DOWN ON ORGANIZATIONS AIDING EAST GERMAN DEFECTORS;

--AND THE PRESS REPORTS THAT MOSCOW SIGNS NEW ECONOMIC ACCORDS WITH LAOS AND NORTH KOREA (SEPTEL).
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2. U.S. CZECH EX-DEFECTOR MINARIK CONTINUES HIS EXPOSE OF RADIOS LIBERTY AND FREE EUROPE IN PRAVDA FEBRUARY 2 WITH, INTERALIA, POINTERS ON HOW THE RADIOS GATHER THEIR "SPY INFORMATION." MINARIK EXPLAINS THAT ALL LETTERS, PRESS, AND OTHER MATERIALS COMING IN FROM THE COMMUNIST STATES ARE CAREFULLY ANALYZED AND CATALOGUED. HE NOTES THAT HE WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH WHO AUTHORS OF MATERIALS COMING IN FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE, AND "TO FOLLOW THEIR CONNECTIONS

WITH THE RADIOS." HE SAYS OTHER CONTACTS WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE RADIOS WITH COMMUNIST STATE CITIZENS TRAVELING TO SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES, SPORTS EVENTS, AND AS TOURISTS. COMMENT: MINARIK'S STATEMENT THAT AUTHORSHIP OF LETTERS TO THE RADIOS COULD BE ESTABLISHED AND "CONNECTIONS" FOLLOWED WILL NOT BE LOST ON THE SOVIET READER. END COMMENT. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JANUARY 31 CARRIES A BOOK REVIEW ON RECENT SOVIET PUBLICATION ON LIFE OF U.S. GI'S. REVIEW BEGINS BY NOTING THAT IN 200 YEARS OF U.S. HISTORY, THAT NATION "HAS UNLEASHED 140 WARS-- 30 SINCE 1945." REVIEW SAYS THE BOOK DESCRIBES THE "WORLD MORALS" OF U.S. ARMY CAMPS AND REVEALS THE TRAINING SYSTEM WHICH CREATES IN U.S. SOLDIERS "A COMPLEX OF FEELING SUCH AS "THE NEED TO KILL", WHICH STAMPS OUT ALL GOODNESS AND YOUTHFUL IDEALS, AND IN THE END LEADS TO A MISSHAPEN MORAL ATTITUDE WHICH POSITS CYNICISM, CRUELTY AND VIOLENCE AS THE BASIC MOTIVES FOR BEHAVIOR."

3. MBFR. PRAVDA, JANUARY 31, CARRIES SIGNED REPORT FROM VIENNA ON PRESS CONFERENCE PREVIOUS DAY BY POLISH DELEGATION HEAD DABROVA. DABROVA, ACCORDING TO REPORT, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT OPTION THREE WAS A STEP FORWARD BECAUSE IT INCLUDED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT THAT NATO CONTINUED TO ADHERE TO UNACCEPTABLE POSITIONS ON OTHER QUESTIONS. DABROVA AGAIN PLAYED UP THE NATO-IMPOSED TIE BETWEEN ACCEPTANCE OF THE ORIGINAL NATO PROPOSAL AND OPTION THREE. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW, FEBRUARY 1, DEVOTES FOUR PARAGRAPHS TO MBFR WHICH IN ESSENCE DECRY WESTERN PESSIMISM REGARDING THE TALKS, AND WHICH ASSURE PARTICIPANTS THAT PRINCIPLE OF NON-DIMINUTION OF SECURITY IS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

4. FRG/BERLIN. PRAVDA, JANUARY 31, CARRIES AN UNSIGNED REPORT FROM EAST BERLIN ON TRIAL OF RAINER SCHUBERT, WHO WAS ACCUSED AND FOUND GUILTY OF AIDING EAST GERMAN DEFECTORS. LENGTHY REPORT SAYS THAT SUCH ACTIVITY IS A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION" OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND ADDS THAT SCHUBERT ENJOYED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS IN FEDERAL AND LAENDER OFFICES FOR PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE GDR PRESS IS CALLING ON THE FRG AND ON WEST BERLIN "AT LONG LAST TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES" AGAINST "ORGANIZATIONS (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) WHICH ACT AGAINST THE SOVEREIGN GDR." STOESSEL

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